



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
FINAL DETERMINATION OF  
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**  
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State of Washington  
**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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**Name of Proposal:** MODIFICATION OF THE BALD EAGLE HABITAT PROTECTION RULES (wac 232.12.292) TO INCLUDE STATE SENSITIVE, AS WELL AS ENDANGERED AND THREATENED, SPECIES

**Description of Proposal:** The proponent plans to modify WAC 232.12.292, a WDFW bald eagle habitat protection rule. Modifications include: adding sensitive status, updating the rule to replace "Department of Game" with "Department of Fish and Wildlife", streamlining bald eagle protection permits by using simple conditions as an alternative to a site-specific management plan, replacing the Bald Eagle Oversight Committee with an Informal Settlement Conference, and updating appeal procedures to be consistent with the Administrative Procedures Act.

**Proponent:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Program, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1091. Contact: Bald Eagle Management Coordinator

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Statewide, but primarily along marine shorelines in western Washington.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for **31 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **November 22, 2001**

**Responsible Official:** Peter Birch

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**DATE OF ISSUE:** October 22, 2001 **SIGNATURE:**  for Peter Birch